

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the third full paragraph of page 9 of the specification and substitute the following in place thereof:

Referring to Fig. 8, the illustrated compressor has a modular housing comprising an exducer portion 16 housing the impeller wheel 17 and defining the outlet volute 18 and an inlet portion comprising an outer tubular wall 19 defining the intake portion 20 of the compressor, and an inner tubular wall 21 defining the inducer portion 22 of the compressor. In fact, the inner tubular wall 21 is itself a two-part component including a outwardly flared inlet cone 21a bolted to the main part of tubular portion 21 via bolts 22. The outer tubular inlet portion 19 is bolted to the exducer portion 16 of the compressor housing and is outwardly flared at region 19a to accommodate a variable inlet guide vane actuating mechanism to be described.